

The Gestapo-tactic of Proposed Rulemaking #02-230, afflicts innovation in digital televisions and other electronic equipment capable of receiving digital broadcasts with an ancient scar -- power and control over free-will. The broadcast flag proposal before the commission is the product of the "Broadcast Protection Discussion Group," a self-selected group of industry insiders who brokered A Deal. The idea of a Republican led Congress with their President who will curb the public's access to information is a solution designed by forces Americans resist at every turn. If enacted, the broadcast flag proposal would ignore our concerns and turn technological development over to an all-powerful subset of the entertainment industry.

Innovation of recent days will protect the entertainment industry but American consumers have no resources to protect our purchases of devices that allow us to record and save memorable family moments. The FCC should allow the market to answer entertainment industry executives needs without infringing on the American Family.